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SUBJECT: PROTOCOL PRECEDENT FINESSED

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1. WAY OUT OF MEXICAN EVENTS PROVIDED REFTEL RECEIVED BY
PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT WITH UNDERSTANDING.

2. TO SOME EXTENT CHINESE BUT MUCH MORE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY
HAVE ATTEMPTED TREAT ME AS SORT OF CHARGE D' AFFAIRES AD INTERIM
- COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF HISTORICAL, INEXACT PRECEDENTS,
CHINESE POSSIBLY WITH SUBSTANTIVE INTENT. I HAVE, HOWEVER,
CONSISTENTLY SPOKEN TO EVERYONE OF OPENING OF OFFICE IN MAY
AFTER USLO CHIEF ARRIVES. HAVE RECEIVED COURTEOUSLY BUT
BRIEFLY THREE OR FOUR AMERICAN CALLERS OR OTHERS WITH AMERICAN
BUSINESS OR CULTURAL INTERESTS WITH EXPLANATION ADVANCE PARTY
CONCERNED WITH SETTING UP OFFICE.

3. EXCITEMENT AMONG FOREIGN COMMUNITY RE IMPENDING OPENING USLO
DIFFICULT OVER STATE, AND IF ADVANCE PARTY LEFT SELVES OPEN
WOULD BE WIDELY SOUGHT AFTER SOCIALLY. WE HAVE INFORMALLY
SEEN ONLY THOSE WHO MET US AT AIRPORT, MEMBERS OF MISSIONS
HELPFUL TO OUR PRESENT TASK (BRITISH, AUSTRALIANS AND ESPECIALLY
CANADIANS) AND TWO OR THREE FRIENDS I HAVE KNOWN AT OTHER
POSTS. " IN THE SAME BOAT" MENTALITY OF INTERDEPENDENT AND
ISOLATED FOREIGN COMMUNITY HAS DEVELOPED INFORMAL, ALMOST
FAMILY- LIKE RELAXED RELATIONSHIP. FRIENDLY MISSIONS STRONGLY
RECOMMEND I MAKE INFORMAL COURTESY CONTACT WITH REMAINING NATO
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NUMBER TWOS OUTSIDE ABOVE CATEGORIES. CHINESE HAVE SAID " NORMAL
CONTACT WITH THOSE WITH WHOM YOU ON FRIENDLY TERMS IS
NATURAL".

4. IF WE ARE TOO ALOOF WHILE OTHERS TRYING TO BE FRIENDLY AND
HELPFUL IN THIS UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT, IT WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD.
AS FOR PRESS, WE HAVE BEEN INACCESSIBLE SO FAR, BUT BELIEVE
LIMITED OBJECTIVE PLANNED USLO 26 IN ORDER PROBABLY EARLY NEXT
WEEK.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY CHANGE IN ADVANCE PROFILE DESIRED.
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